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1. AS REQUESTED, FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON CECCHERINI, FRANCESCHI AND BOTTIGLIERI. WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING DATA ON DR. SILVANO PALUMBO, RECENTLY ADDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER' S OFFICIAL PARTY.

2. / DR. GIORGIO CECCHERINI/, CHIEF OF PRESS RELATIONS, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER. DPOB FLORENCE, JULY 18, 1919. A 53 YEAR OLD JOURNALIST AND LONG TIME POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, CECCHERINI BEGAN HIS CAREER ON THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF " AZIONE FUCINA", A CATHOLIC STUDENT JOURNAL, FOLLOWING HIS GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME WITH A DEGREE IN JURISPRUDENCE. IN 1944, HE JOINED THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF " IL POPOLO", THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, GOING ON TO BECOME FIRST ITS EDITOR- IN- CHIEF AND THEN SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. HE HAS PUBLISHED A WORK ON ITALIAN EVENTS FROM 1944 TO 1948, " CRONACHE SENZA REGIME", AND HAS WRITTEN ON SOUTH AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA, INCLUDING VIETNAM WHICH HE VISITED TWO YEARS AGO. SINCE 1955 CECCHERINI HAS BEEN EDITOR- IN- CHEF OF " CONCRETEZZA", A MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF POLITICAL COMMENTARY DIRECTED BY ANDREOTTI. MARRIED WITH ONE SON, ALSO A JOURNALIST, CECCHERINI' S HOBBIES INCLUDE SAILING, GARDENING AND MODEL ELECTRIC TRAINS. HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH.

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3. / COUNSELOR ROBERTO FRANCESCHI/, ASSISTANT DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER. DPOB FLORENCE, NOVEMBER 30, 1928. A CAREER DIPLOMAT, FRANCESCHI JOINED THE ITALIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1956 AFTER TAKING A DEGREE IN JURISPRUDENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE. PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS PRESENT DUTIES IN FEBRUARY 1972, FRANCESCHI SERVED AS CHIEF OF CABINET TO THE MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FOR UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS (1970-72), CHIEF OF CABINET TO THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (1970), CHIEF OF THE LATIN AMERICAN OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (1969), COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY FOR PRESS RELATIONS IN LONDON (1968) AND ASSISTANT TO THE UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (1963-68). HE HAS ALSO HAD TOURS IN NEW YORK (1961-63) AND MEXICO CITY (1959-61). FRANCESCHI'S ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.

4. / DR. GIOVANNI BOTTIGLIERI/, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER. DPOB SALERNO, JULY 24, 1923. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WITH THE RANK OF VICE PREFECT IN THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, BOTTIGLIERI WAS ASSIGNED TO THE STAFF OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN 1955. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SINCE 1966, HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN PREFECTURES AT BOLOGNA, POTENZA, FOGGIA, CAGLIARI AND TARANTO. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS. BOTTIGLIERI DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

5. / DR. SILVANO PALUMBO/, INSPECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY. DPOB ROME, MAY 14, 1916. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS, PALUMBO, 56, HAS BEEN INSPECTOR GENERAL, DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY, SINCE 1964. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE SAME DIRECTORATE AS HEAD OF A DIVISION AND SUBSEQUENTLY AS CHIEF INSPECTOR. IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY PALUMBO HAS PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATIONS OF BILATERAL PAYMENTS AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN ITALY AND THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST. IN ADDITION, HE HAS ATTENDED MEETINGS OF NATO, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, THE OECD AND THE IMF- IBRD. HE IS PRESENTLY ONE OF ITALY'S TWO DEPUTIES IN THE IMF'S COMMITTEE OF TWENTY ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM.

THE SON OF AN ITALIAN LAWYER WHO BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN,
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PALUMBO ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND,

DURING 1931-33. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN HE RETURNED TO ITALY. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME IN ECONOMICS, AND ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1936 WHEN HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. IN 1948 HE MOVED TO THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE TREASURY MINISTRY. HE HAS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES SEVERAL TIMES FOR IMF- IBRD MEETINGS AND WAS A LEADER GRANTEE IN 1965. FRIENDLY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, HE HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE AND ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE A HEARING TO U. S. VIEWS. HE HAS A PLEASANT PERSONALITY AND A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT RESERVED IN CHARACTER. PALUMBO IS MARRIED. HE IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN MUSIC AND THE ARTS. WHILE HE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH, HE PREFERS AN INTERPRETOR FOR OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS. VOLPE

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